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Letter dated 6 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the note of this Mission dated 27 April 1992 addressed to you (annex I) and the Declaration adopted on 27 April 1992 at the joint session of the Assembly of the SFR of Yugoslavia, the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and the Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro (annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the documents annexed to it circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

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ANNEX I

Note dated 27 April 1992 from the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform of the following:

The Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at its session held on 27 April 1992, promulgated the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Under the Constitution, on the basis of the continuing personality of Yugoslavia and the legitimate decisions by Serbia and Montenegro to continue to live together in Yugoslavia, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is transformed into the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, consisting of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro.

Strictly respecting the continuity of the international personality of Yugoslavia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall continue to fulfil all the rights conferred to, and obligations assumed by, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in international relations, including its membership in all international organizations and participation in international treaties ratified or acceded to by Yugoslavia. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as a founding member of the United Nations, acknowledges its full commitment to the world Organization, the United Nations Charter and to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), as its founding participating state and to all CSCE documents, in particular the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall continue to pursue Yugoslavia's foreign policy of the broadest possible equitable cooperation with all international factors, including its activities in the non-aligned Movement as a founding member state.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall cooperate with other participants on the Conference on Yugoslavia in order, inter alia, to ensure speedy and just distribution of the rights and responsibilities of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the other Republics. At the same time, it shall enable these Republics, if they wish it, to continue an independent membership in international organizations and participation in international treaties.

In accordance with the above, the diplomatic missions, consular posts and other offices of Yugoslavia shall continue to operate and represent the interests of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The diplomatic missions, consular posts and other offices of foreign states and international organizations accredited to Yugoslavia shall continue to be accorded the same status by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Until the completion of the Conference on Yugoslavia, i.e., the reaching of an agreement with the Republics which have declared their independence, the diplomatic missions and consular posts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will provide consular assistance and perform other functions with respect to the natural and juridical persons from these republics, whenever they request it.

Under the enacted Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, new federal authorities shall be: Federal Parliament, President of the Republic, Federal Government and Federal Ministries.

Multi-party elections to choose parliamentary representatives at federal level will be held by 30 June 1992. Until the election of the President of the Republic, this office will be discharged by the Presidency of the SFR of Yugoslavia,in compliance with the provisions of the constitutional law. Until the time the Federal Government has been formed, following the multi-party elections for the Federal Parliament, its functions will be performed by the Federal Executive Council. The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs and other federal governmental agencies will carry out the tasks entrusted to them until they are transformed into new federal ministries, after the installation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's Government.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

ANNEX II

D E C L A R A T I O N

the representatives of the people of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro

Expressing the will of the citizens of their respective Republics to stay in the common state of Yugoslavia,

Accepting all basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the CSCE Helsinki Final Act and the Paris Charter, and particularly the principles of parliamentary democracy, market economy and respect for human rights and the rights of national minorities,

Remaining strictly committed to a peaceful resolution of the Yugoslav crisis, wish to state in this Declaration their views on the basic, immediate and lasting objectives of the policy of their common state, and on its relations with the former Yugoslav Republics.

In that regard, the representatives of the people of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro declare:

1. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, continuing the state, international legal and political personality of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, shall strictly abide by all the commitments that the SFR of Yugoslavia assumed internationally,

At the same time, it is ready to fully respect the rights and interests of the Yugoslav Republics which declared independence. The recognition of the newly-formed states will follow after all the outstanding questions negotiated on within the Conference on Yugoslavia have been settled,

Remaining bound by all obligations to international organizations and institutions whose member it is, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall not obstruct the newly-formed states to join these organizations and institutions, particularly the United Nations and its specialized agencies. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall respect and fulfil the rights and obligations the SFR of Yugoslavia assumed vis-a-vis the territories of Krajina which have been placed, within the framework of the United Nations peace-keeping operation, under the protection of

the world Organization.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia also remains ready to negotiate, within the Conference on Yugoslavia, all problems related to the division of assets, which means both to assets and debts acquired jointly. In case of a dispute regarding these issues, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be ready to accept the arbitration of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague.

2. The diplomatic and consular missions of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia abroad shall continue without interruption to perform their functions of representing and protecting the interests of Yugoslavia. Until further notice, they shall continue to take care of all the assets of Yugoslavia abroad.

They shall also extend consular protection to all nationals of the SFR of Yugoslavia whenever they request them to do so until a final regulation of their nationality status.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia recognizes, at the same time, the full continuity of the representation of foreign states by their diplomatic and consular missions in its territory.

3. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is interested in the reinstatement of economic, transport, energy and other flows and ties in the territory of the SFR of Yugoslavia. It is ready to make its full contribution to that end.

4. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has no territorial aspirations towards any of its neighbors. Respecting the objectives and principles of the United Nations Charter and CSCE documents, it remains strictly committed to the principle of non-use of force in settling any outstanding issues.

5. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall ensure the highest standards of the protection of human rights and the rights of national minorities provided for in international legal instruments and CSCE documents. In addition, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is ready to grant the national minorities in its territory all those rights which would be recognized to and enjoyed by the national minorities in other CSCE participating states.

6. In its foreign relations, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be guided by the principles of the United Nations Charter, as well as the principles of CSCE documents, particularly the Paris Charter for New Europe. As the founding member of the Movement of non-aligned countries, it shall remain committed to the principles and objectives of the policy of non-alignment.

It shall develop relations of confidence and understanding with its neighbors proceeding from the principle of good-neighborliness. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall, as a State of free citizens, be guided in its democratic development by the standards and achievements of the Council of Europe, the European Community and other European institutions, with an orientation to join them in the foreseeable future.

Beograd, 27 April 1992

The participants of the joint session of the SFRY Assembly,
The National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and
the Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro